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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SUAREZ VISIT TO ITALY

1. SPANISH PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ COMPLETED SWING THROUGH EUROPE WITH ONE-DAY VISIT TO ROME SEPT. 1. ACCORDING TO MFA DIRECTOR FOR WESTERN EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA MANNO, ATMOSPHERE OF VISIT, FIRST BY SPANISH PRIME MINISTER TO ROME IN THIS CENTURY, WAS "VERY WARM". HE UNDERSTOOD THAT SUAREZ WAS ESPECIALLY PLEASED WITH ITALIAN STOP AFTER COOLER RECEPTION IN PARIS.

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2. MAIN TOPIC OF DISCUSSION, AS EXPECTED, WAS SPAIN'S DESIRE FOR EC MEMBERSHIP. ITALIANS PROMISED FULL SUPPORT FOR SPANISH APPLICATION AT SEPTEMBER 19 EC MEETING. MANNO SAID ITALIANS WELCOME APPLICATION AS OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN REVISIONS IN EC AGRICULTURAL POLICY TO FAVOR MEDITERRANEAN PRODUCTS. ITALIANS HOPE

THAT EVENTUAL SPANISH MEMBERSHIP WILL GIVE GREATER WEIGHT
TO POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS OF SOUTHERN
TIER MEMBERS IN COMMUNITY.

3. ON OTHER TOPICS, ITALIANS AGREED TO SUPPORT SPANISH
PROPOSAL OF MADRID AS FUTURE SITE OF CSCE MEETING AND
BROUGHT SPANISH UP TO DATE ON DISCUSSIONS WITH MALTESE OF
NEUTRALITY GUARANTEE. ANDREOTTI ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE
SPANISH INVITATION TO VISIT MADRID ALTHOUGH MANNO DID NOT
FORESEE TRIP TAKING PLACE BEFORE END OF YEAR.

4. SPANISH DID NOT RAISE POSSIBILITY OF NATO MEMBERSHIP,
ACCORDING TO MANNO. ITALIANS UNDERSTAND THAT SPAIN DOES
NOT WANT TO MAKE FORMAL APPLICATION TO JOIN BUT RATHER TO
HAVE MEMBERSHIP "RESULT FROM GENERAL NEGOTIATIONS". IN
ANY CASE, ITALIANS UNDERSTAND THAT SPANISH ARE
GIVING PRIORITY TO EC MEMBERSHIP. GARDNER

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